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REMARKS

Claims 12 and 13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 6-11 and 14-18 are cancelled. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the Amendment is appropriate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 as the amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise any new issues that would require further consideration and/or search; (c) does not add any claims without canceling a corresponding number of claims; and (d) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented as it is in response to arguments raised in the Final Rejection. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 7, 11 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,132,587 to Jorne et al. ("Jorne") in view of either U.S. Patent No. 6,099,712 to Ritzdorf et al. ("Ritzdorf") or U.S. Patent No. 6,500,325 to Kosaki et al. ("Kosaki"). Claims 8, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Jorne in view of either Ritzdorf or Kosaki and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,500,317 to Yoshioka et al. ("Yoshioka"). In response, claims 6-11 and 14 are cancelled. Accordingly, the grounds for the rejection are now moot.

Applicants acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 12 and 13. Claims 12 and 13 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 15-18 were directed to a non-elected species. To expedite allowance of the present application, claims 15-18 are cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for any subject matter contained therein.

In connection with the cancellation of claims 1-11 and 14-18, applicants are filing a Request for Correction of Inventorship, simultaneously herewith, to remove Katsusuke Shimizu as an inventor. Katsusuke Shimizu did not contribute to the subject matter set forth in remaining claims 12 and 13.

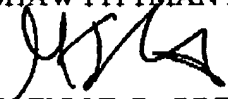
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims define subject matter, which is patentable over the prior art of record. Should any issues require further resolution, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants undersigned attorney to discuss and resolve the issues.

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